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1. ☒ The amendment filed on 17 April 2007 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

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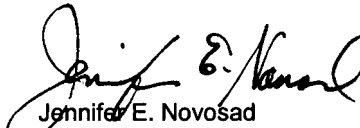
b) ☒ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.

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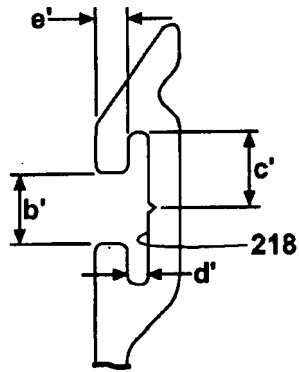


Fig. 31

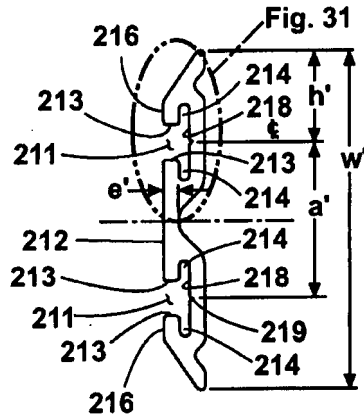


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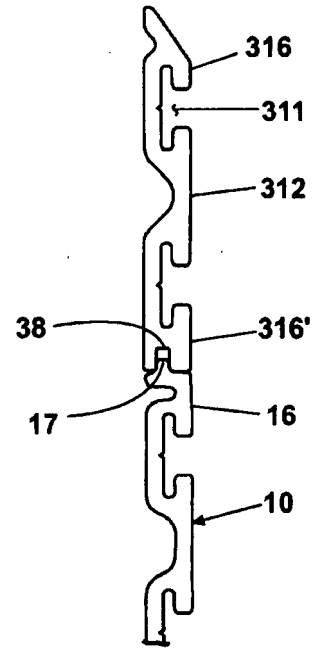


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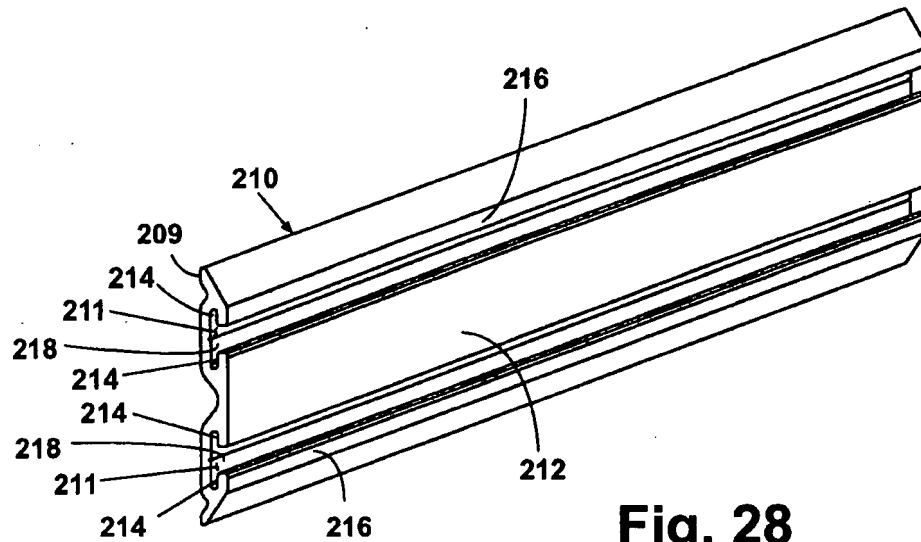


Fig. 28

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